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To: Board of Regents
From: Margie Thompson
Date: August 19, 2002
Subject: Leadership College

It has now been a year since we began our discussion of the Leadership College. In January Regent Mercer was authorized to proceed in soliciting assistance from the campuses for the development of the idea. As you recall, I voted against the motion because I thought the request was lacking in budget and specificity.

I do recall hearing that there had been some conversations between Regent Mercer and Cathy Conover and Bill Johnston several months ago. Since I had heard nothing since, I asked Commissioner Crofts to provide me an update. He reported on his conversation with Bob Person, Dean of the Leadership College. The Commissioner reported that Mr. Person said that not much had happened and that he had not gotten much response from proposed Board members of the Leadership College to the proposed articles of incorporation. He indicated to Dr. Crofts that probably the best that could be achieved this Fall was an initial meeting of the Board.

In the light of the relative inaction on this proposal, I would like to offer the following motion:

“The Board of Regents directs staff in the Montana University System to provide no further assistance to the development of the Leadership College until a formal request comes to the Board of Regents from the Dean of the Leadership College on behalf of the Board of the organization.”



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